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POLAND: Regime Makes More Threats

The Pope and Archbishop Glemp yesterday urged Poles not to demonstrate in the streets next Tuesday on behalf of Solidarity. Interior Minister Kiszczak accused underground activists of preparing for violent clashes and warned that the authorities are ready to use all methods to maintain control. As proof of its determination, the government announced the firing of 39 workers for participating in demonstrations in Szczecin last week. [REDACTED]

Comment: The tough media campaign over the past week betrays the regime's uncertainty over what to expect and is intended to intimidate would-be demonstrators. The authorities hope a low level of activity will allow the government to claim a major victory and thus demoralize Solidarity activists and supporters. The regime's rhetoric, however, might further anger workers and lead to greater participation in demonstrations. [REDACTED]
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